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completely. New revenues which partly make up for the losses are Cancopy royalties, and royalties from BCB III. Mary moved receipt of her report, and answered questions.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee: Tom Vincent presented the report of the Nominating Committee on behalf of Eric Swanick, who was unable to attend. He read the names of the officers nominated for next year's Council, and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Tom moved that nominations be closed and the slate approved, seconded by David McKnight. CARRIED. Tom thanked the new members of Council for agreeing to serve. The resulting changes to Council are as follows:

2nd Vice President	Gwen Davies, Acadia University
Treasurer	Elaine Hoag, National Library
Councillors 1997-2000	Ronald Cohen, Bibliographer, Manotick, Ontario
	Ralph Stanton, Simon Fraser University
	John Townsend, Schooner Books, Halifax

6. Report of the Publications Committee: Carl Spadoni read Mary Williamson's report.

a) CPI.Q: The Society signed a contract with Gale Canada late in 1996 to mount the full text of the *Papers/Cahiers* on its new CD-ROM product called CPI.Q. We hope to attract new readers through the increased exposure. An initial royalty cheque has already been received. We will be monitoring this arrangement, especially to see whether it cuts into our membership base.

b) Indexer: The Society's indexer, Jan Roseneder, has resigned from her position. The Society owes a deep debt of gratitude to Jan for her ongoing indexing since 1984, and for her work toward a cumulated index to the *Papers/Cahiers* back to 1983. Initial steps have been taken towards mounting the index on the Society's website, but some remaining technical difficulties still remain to be overcome.

c) Membership flyer: A new membership flyer has been issued which addresses the 1997/1998 fee structure. There will be no mass mailings of the flyer, because the flyer as the main vehicle of publicity has been superseded by the Society's web page. However, copies are available from the Secretary.

d) New publications: The Society, as a publisher, has arrived at a position where, due to limited funds, it is nearly impossible for us to contemplate new publication in paper form. However, we are becoming more and more involved in electronic means of publication, with its relatively less expensive possibilities. We are already using the web page for a limited amount of publishing. A possibility that is being considered by Council is to expand the page to add bibliographic databases. Current plans involve converting our index to HTML format, and rekeying the old paper indexes to create a complete cumulative index from vol. 1 (1962) to date. Other possibilities for the home page are the background papers of the History of the Book in Canada conference, and the unpublished catalogue file representing books held by the British Library as part of the Canadian copyright collection (1892-1924), which Prof. Patrick O'Neill has offered to share with us. As the Society strikes out in these new directions, it will be looking among its own members for individuals who have technical expertise in these areas. David McKnight has volunteered to prepare a report on electronic publications for the Fall Council meeting.

Carl, in his role as Editor, then thanked François Melançon, Michel Brisebois and the other members of the Publications Committee and Editorial Board with whom he has worked over the years for their support and assistance.

Tom Vincent thanked Carl, on behalf of Mary Williamson, and the entire Society, for his very able editorship of the *Papers/Cahiers* over the past five years. Carl has firmly established the journal in a respectable two issues a year format, has succeeded in encouraging an excellent array of scholarly articles from a wide range of contributors, and leaves us with the Fall 1997 and Spring 1998 issues well in hand. We welcome Michel Brisebois to the editorship when he takes over after the Fall issue.

7. Other business:

- a) The Tremaine Medal was not awarded this year. There was some discussion in Council about the possibility of awarding the Medal to an institution rather than to an individual, in an attempt to recognize outstanding contribution to bibliography. Council will investigate possible means for recognizing institutional excellence.
- b) The Tremaine Fellowship has been awarded this year to Fiona Black for her project to compile a database of the books available in Halifax, Saint John, Montreal, Quebec, York and Kingston between 1752 and 1820.
- c) Tom Vincent noted that the relationship between the History of the Book in Canada project and the BSC is ongoing and developing. We are waiting to see what will develop out of this conference, but anticipate an ongoing close relationship between the two bodies.
- d) Polly Steele inquired about the location of our meeting in 2000. A number of groups, including CLA, will be meeting in Edmonton in July 2000, and she asked the Society to consider holding our sessions in conjunction with these meetings in Edmonton.
- e) Peter Greig raised a question about the *Bulletin*, arguing that it should continue to be the chief informal means of communication for Society members, and requesting that more information and news be included in future issues. Marianne Scott suggested that information of interest to our membership could be synthesized from the internet and put back into paper form for the benefit of our members who do not have internet access. Tom Vincent asked that people submit relevant news and information to Merrill Distad for inclusion in the *Bulletin*.

8. Date and place of the next meeting: Peter McNally reported that we have received a formal invitation from the SHARP organizers to hold our sessions in conjunction with their meeting next year in mid-July in Vancouver. The BSC meeting will take place on 14 and 15 July, immediately preceding the SHARP conference. A preliminary Call for Papers has been drafted and will be circulated shortly. For 1999 we have received invitations from both CRLQ in Sherbrooke (with whom we were originally scheduled to meet in 1998), and the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the American Library Association, which is meeting in Montreal.

9. Adjournment: François Melançon moved adjournment, seconded by Peter McNally.



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2. Nominating Committee of Council, Report of Recommendations

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee announces that the following nominees have agreed to serve on Council: Anne McGaughey (York University), Secretary; David McKnight (McGill University), Editor, *Bulletin*; Polly Steele (University of Calgary), Council; and George Parker (RMC retired), Council. Further nominations to fill Council vacancies will be announced later.

3. Marie Tremaine Fellowship / Marie Tremaine Medal

The Marie Tremaine Fellowship Committee has selected Carl Spadoni (McMaster University) as the recipient of this year's Tremaine Fellowship. The Marie Tremaine Medal Committee has recommended that no medal be awarded this year.

4. A History of the Book in Canada / L'Histoire de l'imprimé au Canada

The general editors of A History of the Book in Canada / L'Histoire de l'imprimé au Canada are pleased to announce a web site devoted to the project.

Included in the site are the names of the Editorial Team, a draft of the content of the projected volumes, and background papers to the founding conference, held in the summer of 1997. One feature the co-directors hope will be of great value is the page describing current research in progress. They solicit your submissions to the site.

The URL is: <http://www.hbic.library.utoronto.ca>

Les co-directeurs du projet L'Histoire de l'imprimé au Canada / A History of the Book in Canada sont heureux d'annoncer la création d'un site Web consacré au projet.

On trouvera sur ce site les noms des membres de l'Équipe éditoriale, un aperçu du contenu des volumes projetés, les textes des communications présentées à la Conférence de lancement du projet en

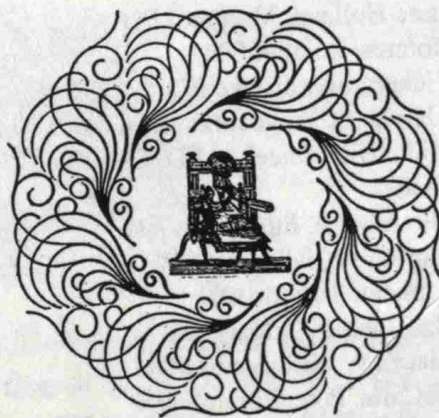
mai 1997 ainsi qu'une page décrivant des projets de recherche en cours dans le domaine.

Les co-directeurs du projet invitent les chercheurs à consulter le site et à l'alimenter de leurs réflexions.

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5. Announcements

In this issue, my last as editor of the *Bulletin*, I wish to thank everyone involved over the past six years, and particularly Anne Dondertman, outgoing Secretary of the Society, for their assistance and support. And to my successor, David McKnight, all best wishes for continued success. Merrill Distad.

Congratulations to Jennifer J. Connor for winning the Riddell Award for the best article about Ontario history for her article entitled "Thomsonian medical books and the culture of dissent in Upper Canada." *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History* 12 (1995):289-311.

Marie-Claire Blais: An annotated bibliography, by Irène Oore and Oriel C. L. MacLennan, has just been published by the ECW Press. It is available from General Distribution (1-800-387-0141) in Ontario and Quebec, and elsewhere in Canada (1-800-387-0172). Pp. 160. ISBN: 1-55022-351-8. \$24.95.

6. New Members

The Society extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Susan Atkinson, Woodstock ON	Christine Mosser, Toronto ON
Lois Ayoub, Sharon ON	Ruth Murdoch, Thunder Bay ON
Mark Bartlett, Halifax NS	Heather Murray, Toronto ON
Gerald Beasley, Montreal PQ	Irena Murray, Montreal PQ
Lorne Bruce, Guelph ON	LaVerne Olsen, Thunder Bay ON
Grant Campbell, Toronto ON	Marcia Payne, Toronto ON
Paul Davies, Toronto ON	Brenda Peterson, Vancouver BC
Sheila Egoft, Vancouver BC	Isabel Pitfield, Vancouver BC
David Findelstein, Edinburgh, Scotland	Mildred Price, Mississauga ON
Brian Fitzgerald, Toronto ON	Helmut Reichenbacher, Toronto ON
Richard Giguère, Ascot	Robert R. Reid, Vancouver BC
Marc-André Goulet, Sherbrooke PQ	San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco CA
Allan Goyer, Edmonton AB	Tim Sauer, Guelph ON
Sandra Hannaford, St. John's NF	Marianne Scott, Ottawa ON
Ann Marie Holland, Montreal PQ	David Skene-Melvin, Toronto ON
Boyd Holmes, London ON	Wiebke Smythe, Willowdale ON
Pierre Hébert, Sherbrooke PQ	Julie Stabile, Toronto ON
Kelvin Jarvis, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago	Roger Stoddard, Cambridge MA
Koninklijke Bibliotheek, AFD. Den Haag, Netherlands	Ronald Tetreault, Halifax NS
Lisa LaFramboise, Edmonton AB	Texas A & M University, College Station TX
J. William Lamb, Islington ON	The Grolier Club, New York NY
Sheila Latham, Toronto ON	Charles Vallely, Newtonville MA
A. H. MacDonald, Calgary ON	Margaret Williams, Toronto ON
Ralph MacKay, Westmount PQ	Cabot Yu, LaSalle PQ
Anna McCalla, Peterborough ON	
Patricia A. McDonald, Ottawa ON	